

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

December 2011

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.8 percent between November 2011 and December 2011 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.7 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the December All-items Index decreased from November 2011 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and traveller accommodations. Prices also fell for women's clothing, men's clothing, clothing accessories, watches and jewellery and home entertainment, parts and services.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for homeowners' replacement cost, mortgage interest cost, non-prescribed medicines and parking fees. Prices also rose for fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and other household supplies.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.5 percent between December 2010 and December 2011 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.8 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The December All-items Index increased from December 2010 primarily due to increased prices for gasoline, telephone services and cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television). Prices also rose for homeowners' replacement cost, rent, mortgage interest cost and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and footwear. Prices also fell for prescribed medicines, cigarettes and sugar and confectionery.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Dec. 2011</u>	<u>Nov. 2011</u>	<u>Nov. 2011</u> to <u>Dec. 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 2010</u> to <u>Dec. 2011</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	122.4	123.4	-0.8	2.5
Food	130.1	129.7	0.3	4.2
Shelter	145.5	145.1	0.3	2.5
Household Operations and Furnishings	106.1	106.4	-0.3	2.5
Clothing and Footwear	92.3	98.2	-6.0	1.4
Transportation	117.2	119.4	-1.8	4.2
Health and Personal Care	114.3	114.5	-0.2	1.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.8	105.9	-1.0	0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	143.2	143.4	-0.1	0.9
All-Items Excluding Energy	120.7	121.5	-0.7	2.3
Energy	138.6	141.6	-2.1	4.8
CANADA				
All-Items	120.2	120.9	-0.6	2.3
Food	129.3	129.2	0.1	4.4
Shelter	126.8	126.3	0.4	1.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	111.8	112.1	-0.3	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	89.1	93.1	-4.3	0.3
Transportation	125.2	127.6	-1.9	3.3
Health and Personal Care	118.1	117.9	0.2	2.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.1	104.8	-0.7	0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	135.8	135.8	0.0	0.9
All-Items Excluding Energy	117.5	118.2	-0.6	1.8
Energy	152.7	154.1	-0.9	6.0
REGINA				
All-Items	123.0	123.9	-0.7	2.8
SASKATOON				
All-Items	122.9	123.9	-0.8	2.2

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Nov. 2011</u> to <u>Dec. 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 2010</u> to <u>Dec. 2011</u>
Canada	-0.6	2.3
Newfoundland	-0.8	3.2
Prince Edward Island	-0.5	2.9
Nova Scotia	-1.0	2.8
New Brunswick	-0.7	3.3
Quebec	-0.5	2.5
Ontario	-0.6	2.0
Manitoba	-0.8	2.6
Saskatchewan	-0.8	2.5
Alberta	-0.1	2.9
British Columbia	-0.9	1.7
Whitehorse	-0.5	2.8
Yellowknife	0.0	3.5
Iqaluit	-0.3	1.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Nov. 2011 to Dec. 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 2010 to Dec. 2011</u>
St. John's	-0.7	3.2
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.6	2.7
Halifax	-1.1	2.5
Saint John	-0.7	3.2
Quebec City	-0.5	2.5
Montreal	-0.5	2.2
Ottawa	-0.6	1.9
Toronto	-0.6	2.2
Thunder Bay	-0.7	2.0
Winnipeg	-0.8	2.6
Regina	-0.7	2.8
Saskatoon	-0.8	2.2
Edmonton	-0.2	2.9
Calgary	-0.1	2.8
Vancouver	-0.8	1.9
Victoria	-0.9	1.5
Whitehorse	-0.5	2.8
Yellowknife	0.0	3.5
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